

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the**

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

**Present:**

Cllr Michael Burtenshaw  
Cllr Nigel Gibbons  
Cllr Geoff Gould  
Cllr Nick Martin  
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)  
Cllr Keith Williams

**Officers:**

Paula Harrison

6 residents present.

**Public Participation:**

A resident asked if any speed checks had been done on Hay Lane ahead of safety improvement work. The Chair confirmed that speed tubes had been surveyed in May and speed guns had been deployed twice.

The resident asked that the Parish Council checks to see if there is a police report regarding road safety. The Chair thanked the resident for their suggestions.

A resident asked if any Councillors could confirm the start date of work on Mead Way. The Chair suggested it was imminent.

A resident reported that work around Westlea culvert was much improved and the board walks at the Westlea pond had proved very popular with children.

**Meeting start 6.06 pm**

**208.**

**Apologies**

Cllr Simon Firth, Cllr Prakash Khaitan, Cllr Mary Martin, Cllr Tim Makofu – work commitments

**RESOLVED** that the Apologies of Absence received are approved.

**209. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation**

Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith indicated that she was a member of Toothill Big Local (item 5).

**210. Hay Lane Safety Measures**

The Parish Manager reported that correspondence was underway with Swindon Borough Council Highways in relation to additional safety/warning signs at Hay Lane. The Highways Team were in the process of reviewing previous work in order to establish costings.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager reminds Swindon Borough Council Highways Team that the Parish Council is ready to progress.

**211. Woodland Trust – Tree Planting**

The Parish Manager reported that a small group of Councillors had met since the last meeting to identify potential sites for tree planting to support an application to the Woodland Trust's More Trees programme. Cumulatively, the Parish Council needs to identify an area at least half a hectare in size with the capability of planting 500+ trees. The benefit of the application Sites identified are

- Eastleaze/Whitehill Way woodland/field
- Bodiam Drive Crescent
- Shaw Ridge hedgerow behind Wilmot Close
- Shaw Forest (subject to permissions)
- Shaw Village Centre to the rear of the Village Inn public house

Councillors considered the sites and agreed to progress towards an application. It was suggested that Peatmoor Glades also be included.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager progresses enquiries to create an application to the Woodland Trust. An update to be brought back to a future meeting.

**212. Annual Maintenance – Property Services Site**

The Committee reviewed a request from Toothill Big Local (TBL) to assist with shrub maintenance a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. The Committee also discussed the lack of scheduled maintenance at the village centres across West Swindon. Cllr Williams agreed to liaise with Swindon Borough Council Property Services in regard to village centre maintenance.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Grounds Manager visits TBL and assesses the feasibility of work required and any arising cost implications.

**213. Planning Report**

**RESOLVED** that the following be submitted in response to the applications as follows:

213.1	S/19/1573	Bradbury House, West Mead Drive, West Mead Industrial	Construction on 17no. Additional car parking spaces
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	Estate, SN5 7ER	<b>No Objection</b>
213.2 S/HOU/19/1577	6 Devereux Close, Park, SN5 6HE	Erection of rear dormer windows
		<b>No Objection</b>

Meeting closed at 6.20 pm

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 04 December 2019 6.00 pm.**

Signed: .....  
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

Date:.....

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